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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Man Arrested In Attacks On Homeless Released

(U) The man accused of killing three transients and leaving a fourth for dead was released yesterday because authorities do not have enough evidence to keep him in custody. Detectives worked around the clock over the weekend to gather and review witness statements and sift through physical evidence from four violent crime scenes. Police served two search warrants at locations that weren't disclosed. When the analysis was done, police officials and prosecutors from the District Attorney's Office decided that releasing Anthony Padgett, who was arrested Thursday, was the appropriate decision.

SOURCE: 11 July 2016, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) Santa Barbara – Indictments Against Suspected MS-13 Gang Members Include Murder Charges

(U) The Santa Barbara County Criminal Grand Jury has issued two indictments against a group of people suspected of being involved in the MS-13 gang. In March 2016, Santa Maria police arrested 16 people following an unprecedented number of murders in the city over the previous year. However, at the time, the suspects faced only charges of conspiracy to commit murder. The indictments issued on 8 July include ten counts of first degree murder in the deaths of 10 from January 2013 to January 2016. Other charges in the indictment include 14 counts of conspiracy to commit murder, five counts of attempted murder, 19 counts of criminal street gang conspiracy, one count of witness intimidation by force, and one count of conspiracy to commit street terrorism.

SOURCE: 11 July 2016, [KSBY](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Embassy Families in Bangladesh Given Option to Leave

(U) Washington – The State Department says it is authorizing the voluntary departure of family members of US government personnel at the US Embassy in Bangladesh. The move, effective on Sunday and made public yesterday, follows a spate of militant attacks in the Muslim-majority, South Asian country. A department official said the authorization means family members can opt to leave the capital Dhaka in the coming days and their expenses are covered. The official said the embassy recommended this step to ensure that people are not caught in potential outbreaks of violence.

SOURCE: 11 July 2016, [AP](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Police Arrest 5 Suspected of Firing Shots at DC Officers

(U) Washington – Five people were arrested today after shots were fired at police, authorities said. The incident, which follows the fatal shooting of five police officers in Dallas last week, happened on 6th Street Southeast where a large SUV was parked. When officers arrived in marked police cruisers on reports of shots fired, people inside the vehicle immediately started shooting at them.. The SUV's occupants refused to leave the vehicle and were barricaded inside for 30 minutes before three woman and two men surrendered and were arrested, police spokesman Dustin Sternbeck said. No one was hit or injured, police said.

SOURCE: 12 July 2016, [USA TODAY](#)

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(U) St. Joseph – Two court bailiffs were killed and a deputy was injured yesterday after an inmate grabbed the deputy's gun outside a holding cell in a Michigan courthouse, Berrien County Sheriff L. Paul Bailey said. After shooting the officers, inmate Larry Darnell Gordon tried to take hostages in the courtroom area, shot a woman in the arm and was fatally shot by other bailiffs when he tried to flee. The bailiffs both had retired earlier from other law enforcement agencies and then served more than a decade each as bailiffs, Bailey said.

SOURCE: 11 July 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Italy – Twenty Killed, Dozens Injured as Trains Collide**

(U) Corato - Twenty people died and dozens were injured when two passenger trains collided head-on in southern Italy today, a regional official told reporters. The force of the impact crumpled carriages and sent debris flying into an olive grove that flanked the single stretch of track in countryside between the towns of Corato and Andria. "Unfortunately the death toll has risen to 20," said the deputy head of the local province.

SOURCE: 12 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Lebanon – Osama Bin Laden's Son Vows to Avenge His Father's Death

(U) Beirut – Al-Qa'ida's media arm has released an audio in which the purported son of the late al-Qa'ida leader Osama bin Laden threatens revenge against the US for assassinating his father. In the video released by As-Sahab on Saturday, Hamza bin Laden tells Americans that they are accountable for the decisions of their leaders. He says al-Qa'ida will continue waging jihad, or holy war, against the US in response to its "oppression" of Muslims.

SOURCE: 10 July 2016, [CBS News](#)

(U) South Sudan – Ceasefire Declared By Kiir and Machar Holding

(U) Juba – A ceasefire appears to be holding in South Sudan's capital, Juba, after four days of heavy fighting between rival forces left more than 270 people dead. The city is quiet, with no reports of helicopter gunships in the sky or tanks on the streets. President Salva Kiir and his rival, Vice-President Riek Machar, announced a ceasefire which came into force yesterday.

SOURCE: 12 July 2016, [BBC](#)

(U) Venezuela – Thousands Cross Into Colombia to Buy Food

(U) San Antonio del Tachira– Thousands of people have crossed to Colombia after Venezuela opened their common border to allow its people to buy food and medicine, officials say. The frontier, closed by Venezuela last August as part of a crime crackdown, was to open for 12 hours. Venezuela is going through a deep economic crisis and many say they struggle to feed their families. Last week, about 500 Venezuelan women broke through the border controls in search of food. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro ordered the border closure because, he said, the area had been infiltrated by Colombian paramilitaries and gangs. The measure also prevents subsidised goods from being smuggled from Venezuela into Colombia.

SOURCE: 10 July 2016, [BBC](#)

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